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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE DEPARTMENT DELIVERED TO SWISS
EMBASSY OCTOBER 5 ADDRESSED TO SWISS PROPOSALS CITED REFTEL
PARA 3:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES THE RECEIPT
OF THE NOTE DATED AUGUST 20, 1973 FROM THE EMBASSY OF
SWITZERLAND SOLICITING THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR TWO RECOMMENDA-
TIONS WHICH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT HAS SUBMITTED TO THE
CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS STUDIED
THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ENCLOSED WITH THE EMBASSY'S
NOTE AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT COULD SUPPORT THEM
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SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TEXTUAL CLARIFICATIONS. WITH

REGARD TO THE RECOMMENDATION ENTITLED "USE OF RADIO-COMMUNICATIONS FOR ANNOUNCING AND IDENTIFYING HOSPITAL SHIPS AND MEDICAL AIRCRAFT PROTECTED UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949" THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CONSIDER THE STATEMENT IN THE FIRST NUMBERED PARAGRAPH, TO WIT: "SHIPS AT SEA AND AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT ARE ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FOR THEIR SAFETY" TO BE ENTIRELY ACCURATE, SINCE OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS VISUAL OBSERVATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. WITH REGARD TO THE RECOMMENDATION ENTITLED "USE OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS DURING ARMED CONFLICT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT OF STATES NOT PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT" THE UNITED STATES WOULD REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF THE MEANING OF THE PHRASE "KNOWN AND WATCHED" AS USED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THAT RECOMMENDATION.

THESE CLARIFICATIONS WOULD NOT IN THIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW VITIATE THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION NOW BEING HELD AT TORREMOLINOS, SPAIN, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED SUBJECT TO CLARIFICATION OF THESE POINTS TO SUPPORT THE SWISS GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS. KISSINGER

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